

**Advisory Commission on the Environment**  
**Minutes of Meeting**  
**January 26, 2005**

Commissioners Present: Mark Mitchell, June O'Neil, , Robert Pandolfo

Commissioners Excused: Rita Kornblum, Stephen Hesse, June Lyons,

Commissioners Absent: Richard Parmlee, Jeannie Webb Chaves, Eddie Morales

Staff Present: None

**Call to Order**

Mark Mitchell called the meeting to order at 5:45 pm.

**Minutes**

Minutes were not approved for lack of a quorum.

**Old Business**

Sewage Treatment Plant/Chlorine

Members present discussed the presentation by Sally Nyron. They were disturbed by her representation that Hartford has not taken MDC up on their offer of joint disaster preparedness drills. It was suggested that we have Katherine McCormack and John Shea to present to us on what Hartford is doing. As for the safety of chlorine gas, we should research how many other treatment plants use chlorine gas, rather than liquid for disinfection of wastewater. Mark Mitchell will try to set up a visit to the sewage treatment plant before our next meeting.

Revised Ordinance and Bylaws

No action was taken for lack of a quorum.

ACOTE Membership

The new year for membership starts in February, according to our proposed bylaws. Mark will write a letter to the mayor asking that he and Robert be reappointed, and apprise him of our chronic absentees and vacancies.

## **Recommendations to City for State Legislative Agenda**

Dr. Mitchell updated members on the status of the bills that ACOTE is supporting. He was advised to send a letter to the mayor to ask that the City place these items on its legislative agenda.

## **New Business**

**Dr.** Mitchell distributed a series of newspaper articles and letters to the editor in the Courant about PVC plastic and incineration. He also reported on a hearing before the City Council's Public Works, Parks, and Environment Committee of an ordinance proposed by Councilwoman Horton Sheff concerning the monitoring of CRRA.

Commissioners Pandolfo and Mitchell agreed to meet to discuss how to proceed with the issue of energy conservation in schools.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45.